Dear Campus Community,

This academic year was one where we saw many successes for the Office for Multicultural Learning. We continued on with our second year of the Diversity and Inclusion Series. Feedback and assessment allowed us to retool the sessions to be greatly impactful to our first year and transfer students. In both years we have been able to successfully reach almost 99% of the first year class. Our Embrace Small Group Conversations continue to be the hallmark of the series with many of our newest Broncos leaving Embrace with a deeper understanding of the goals and missions of the Santa Clara community around issues of diversity and inclusion.

This also marked the first year that the Queer Film Festival organized through our Rainbow Resource Center was co-sponsored by SCU Presents. It was a successful partnership that allowed more exposure to our films this year which were The Quare in There and Rocky Horror Picture Show. We look forward to continuing this partnership and increasing the visibility of the Queer Film Festival.

Finally, we were able to close the year with our amazing senior ceremonies. The second year of our Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) senior ceremony was a joyous occasion that allowed for recent alum Nhada Ahmed class of 2017 to return and give a powerful keynote address. We were also privileged to have John and Latanya Hilton, Class of 1996, Jennifer Bradford, Class of 2005, and Danielle Slaton, Class of 2002 volunteering with Black Senior Ceremony and Verónica López-Durán, Class of 1997 as the Keynote for Chicanx/Latinx Senior Ceremony. This truly reflects the commitment of our alumni of color to our community.

We look forward to seeing what the new academic year will bring with the third installment of the Diversity and Inclusion Series along with some new programs to enhance our students leadership experience. Please continue to come by our office and hang out for a while. We really enjoy the company!

In Solidarity,
Dr. Christina M. Guzmán
Director, Office for Multicultural Learning

The Mission of the Office for Multicultural Learning (OML) is to collaborate, contemplate, commit and co-sponsor co-curricular programs that advance SCU’s understanding of diversity, inclusion, and equity. OML works with students, staff, and faculty to create cross-campus programs both in and outside the classroom that are designed to increase awareness, knowledge, and understanding about issues including but not limited to analyzing racism, classism, heterosexism, xenophobia, and other forms of oppression.
03 Commitments and Accomplishments

OML WILL:

1. Celebrate the rich diversity that will make up SCU while critically analyzing the systems that exist locally, nationally, and globally

2. Contemplate through dialogue and meaningful interactions between individuals from different backgrounds

3. Commit a deeper understanding of ourselves and others through peer mentoring, identity development trainings, and advocacy that advances institutional equity across SCU

4. Co-Sponsor events and provide resources and support to programs and spaces that nurture a more inclusive campus climate

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED

- Completed the second year of the Diversity and Inclusion
- Deepened engagement to support undocumented and mixed-status students
- Partnered with University Assessment to track progress on Diversity and Inclusion Series
- Participated in the Day of Giving for the second year as lead on the Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives page which raised $6775
- Provided Perspectives workshops for 1051 students like LEAD, CFs, OLs, and CSO leadership
Hosted our annual Welcome Reception in the fall quarter with over 186 attendance. It was also the first time we invited community resources to attend.

Hosted undergraduate students to attend a number of conferences including Ignation Q in Baltimore, MA and the Women’s March Conference in Detroit, MI.

Moved into our new location at 832 Market St. and opened the doors to our new space in winter quarter to meetings and programming.

Over 175 Students participate in our 6 Senior Recognition Ceremonies

Program Highlight

Difficult Dialogue
History of Police Brutality
with W. Kamau Bell

Our bi-weekly Difficult Dialogue series was bolstered in Winter Quarter by the participation of SCU’s 2017-2018 Sinatra Artist in Residence W. Kamau Bell. Led by Bell and OML’s Assistant Director Danielle Aguilar and Student Assistant Mitchell Dang this was one of our most highly attended and impactful discussions this year.
Veronica became a 1st year representative for MEChA-El Frente, co-cultural chair, and currently serves currently as the Co-Chair of this organization. Her tenure with MEChA-El Frente is punctuated with lots of community outreach in the surrounding Latinx community with programs like Raza Day. But, moreover, this year along with her co-chair she pushed MEChA-El Frente to become more involved in campus community issues and MCC issues. In her interview she demonstrated a clear understanding of how the MCC functions as a Chartered Student Organization, and really began to understand not only the history and importance of coalition building. She is grounded and committed in seeing how the MCC community needs to come together to organize, collaborate, and ultimately support and be vulnerable with one another.
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Congratulations Graduates of 2018!

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